



August 2012

C.O.A.

August 17th

Dinner at 5:30 Movie at 6:30



In this film set in the 1960s, Walter, played by Haley Joel Osment, is dropped off with his great uncles by his ditzzy mom, who says she needs some time to herself so she can go to court reporting school. The uncles Hub (Robert Duvall) and Garth (Michael Caine) don't like having a 'kid' around cramping their style, but eventually warm to him, and he to them. The uncles are a little...eccentric (they go fishing by shooting bass with their shotguns, and spend their days chasing off traveling salesmen...with shotguns), but they prove themselves to be surprisingly capable foster dads. Walter is awed by Hub's crazy ways, while Garth spins tales of their adventuring days of yore.

INFORMATION ABOUT SHARPS

As per the Mass General Laws – there are rules regarding disposal of syringes and needles.

The information can be found at the following site –

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/aids/needles-syringes-disposal.pdf>

You may dispose of your syringes and needles at the Transfer Station.

Please see the attendant for the proper container.

WASHINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

Contact: Carol Kennedy

Phone: 623-5180

The WASHINGTON CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS

Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs are accepted from September 1, 2012 to/and no later than October 15, 2012. Any application received after Oct 16, 2012 is not accepted.

The **Washington Cultural Council** has set an **October 15th** postmark deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community. This deadline is mandated by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities: including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops and lectures.

The **Washington Cultural Council** is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

Application forms are available online at www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.asp. Application forms are also available on the Town Clerks's desk beginning mid August.



Update from the Saint Andrews Chapel Committee

We have a new sign at the chapel! Thanks to committee member Kinzer Davis who coordinated with the Taconic High School Carpentry Department to get the sign made. Our thanks to them for the wonderful job they did in making the sign, which was then painted by committee member Rose Borgnis. Thanks also go out to Mike Burke for the excellent job done installing the sign.

Committee members have been very busy the last few months, in addition to the new sign a brochure describing the chapel which will be mailed out to local Justices of the Peace was designed by Cindy Taylor, a pellet stove has been installed so we can have events during the colder months, the spot light that shines on the front of the chapel has been repaired, members also volunteered their time to remove overhanging limbs and clean up the area around the chapel.

The Chapel Committee would also like to thank the following supporters for their donation to the stained glass restoration fund drive:

Scott and Kristina Hayward

Ralph and Barbara Simmons - in memory of Sally Poland

Donations are still needed and any amount is greatly appreciated. The three windows over the alter are in need of restoration next as the center one has a crack in it, with the current price of this at \$6,110.00 we have roughly half of the funds needed at the moment. If you would like to donate, please send your donation to:

The Saint Andrews Chapel Committee • 8 Summit Hill Rd • Washington MA 01223

COA News

Many times the COA receives notices of scams from other COA's and from the state. The quickest and easiest way to pass these along would be by e-mail. If you have an e-mail address that you would like us to have for communicating with you about these matters as well as events that are going on in our area please provide it by sending an e-mail to the WashingtonCOA@gmail.com

A recent scam involves an e-mail that appears to have been sent by the IRS -- indicating your check was canceled and asks you to click on the provided link. A toll-free call to the IRS Telephone Assistance for Individuals: 1-800-829-1040 would be a first step in verifying if you have a legitimate e-mail from the IRS. Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Absentee Ballots Available for the September State Primary

Absentee ballots are now available for the September State Primary. If you will be unavailable to cast a ballot at the polls on Thursday, September 6, 2012, contact the Town Clerk's office to request an application to apply for an absentee ballot. Please remember when voting in a Primary you must cast a ballot for the party you are registered in. If you are registered as an Unenrolled voter, you must decide which ballot - Democrat, Republican or Green-Rainbow - you would like to cast and you will need to indicate that on your absentee ballot application.

Questions 413-623-8878 or 413-623-2185

Voter Registration Session

The deadline to register to vote, or change your party affiliation, before the September 6th State Primary is Friday, August 17, 2012. On this day the Town Clerk will hold a voter registration session from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Washington Town Hall, 8 Summit Hill Road.

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Washington Sons and Daughters Committee

The Washington Sons and Daughters is looking for a new Treasurer. The position will begin after the annual Sons and Daughters get-together on September 9, 2012.

Please contact Carol Kennedy, Treasurer, if you are interested 623-5180.

The Town Clerk will not hold office hours on the following dates:

Monday, August 13, 2012

Monday, August 27, 2012

103rd Annual Washington Sons and Daughters Reunion

The annual Sons and Daughters Reunion will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2012 at the Old Washington Town Hall on Washington Mountain Road. The meeting of the Sons and Daughters will begin at 12:00 PM followed by a buffet lunch (provided by Sons and Daughters Committee - NO potluck luncheon this year), games and activities for the children and musical entertainment. The Historical Commission will also have a display set-up.

As we do every year, there will be a baking contest. The category for this year is Pies and Dessert Bars. Please do not use whipped cream on your baked items. We will supply whipped cream for you to use. Anyone, of any age, is welcome to submit an entry for the contest. The contest submissions will be our desserts for the event. Bring along a copy of the recipe and we will publish the recipes in a future issue of Tracks. We are also looking for a few people to be judges.

Entertainment will be provided by
Kenneth Nonken & Eric Hooben (guitar duet)
Old School Jazz, Blues, and Folk.

Dream Big Live Auction and
Benefit Bash
Saturday, August 4th
at Bucksteep Manor

2:00-6:00 Gourmet Grilled Food, Pasta
Fagioli, and Tantalizing Desserts for
Sale

Bucksteep's Bar Will Be Open
Free Children's Activities

2:00-4:00 Auction Preview

3:00-3:45 Free Award Winning All-age
Entertainment by Davis Bates and
Roger Tinknell

4:00-6:00 Live Auction

All proceeds from auction and food
directly benefit
the Becket Athenaeum.



Saturday, September 15th Noon - 8PM

Performances By:

**Terry a la Berry & Friends
WRHS Band led by Brian Rabuse
Dana Welts & the Modern World
Modest Me
Xavier
Bobby Sweet
The Faculty
The Guthrie Family**

To our fellow Washington residents:

August 2012

Reminder: everyone who has been appointed or elected to a Town position must be sworn in by Allison, our Town Clerk. Thanks to Jodi Hostetter, our Administrative Assistant, who has been working to communicate individually to our electees and appointees. Jodi is also working to get all of our records into electronic form and to get all our applications – jobs, permits, etc. - on the town website.

Over the past month:

- Only one person came to Maplevue property for the walk-through so we are not hopeful for a useful bid.
 - We are considering other options, including getting a grant for demolition of the property which could then be sold as a residential building lot. Anyone with a helpful suggestion – let us know!
 - We will be seeking bids to replace the windows and doors at the Town Hall. This will further update our 50 year old building and reduce our heating costs. Funding will require voter approval.
 - We are hoping to get some additional help from the Sheriff's Department to spruce up the exterior of the Town Hall.
 - The Eden Glen hydrological study has been completed. We will be preparing a grant application to restructure/rebuild the Depot Brook culvert/bridge/dam area.
 - We are still hopeful that Westfield Wild and Scenic will provide grant support for a new culvert on Cross Place Road.
 - Now that CSX has contracted with the USDA to control the beaver activity that blocks drainage on Upper Valley Road we are asking for restitution for the damage done so that the portions of Upper Valley that were submerged can be resealed and raised back up.
 - The Dalton Selectboard has expressed support for setting a weight limit for trucking on Blotz Road; we have not yet heard from Hinsdale.
 - State Senator Ben Downing has gotten \$750,000 added to the State's capital plan for the resurfacing of Washington Mountain Road in Washington, Dalton and Becket (McNerney Road). The funding depends on legislative approval and Governor Patrick's signature.
 - We are still applying for a separate Mass Infrastructure Grant to resurface Washington Mountain Road, and Becket is doing the same for McNerney Road. Dalton is not applying but is supportive of our effort.
 - If either of these funding sources get approved we will finally have the complete length of Washington Mountain Road in good shape; if both are approved we should be able to do additional work on drainage and deeper reclamation and resurfacing.
- The state has recently mandated that “sharps” – needles used for injection – can no longer go into the solid waste container but must be kept separate. What might have involved a costly new program for the Town turns out to be already taken care of by a pair of unsung heroes: Michelle Lampro, our Transfer Station Attendant and Sean Connors of Lovers Lane who already have a system up and running! Thanks to them both!
- We finally got rain! Let's hope we don't go from drought to flood...Enjoy the tomatoes, the blueberries and the rest of the fresh food that Summer brings!

Jim Huebner,
Select Board Chair

Shaun Lennon
Select Board Clerk

Mike Case
Select Board



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(413)623.5535

The Bucksteep Pub will be open with light fare
Friday 11am-4pm
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